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Re: Inventor: Cleghorn et al.  
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Serial No.: 09/964,954  
Filing Date: September 27, 2001  
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Respectfully submitted,

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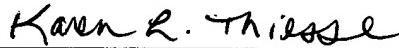
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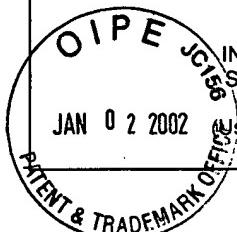
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		6,081,591	06/27/00	Frederick H. Skoog	379	230	
		6,084,956	07/04/00	Turner et al.	379	230	
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